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About the Naval Postgraduate School

The Naval Postgraduate School has been a pioneer in developing relevant, innovative curricula to improve combat effectiveness of the Navy, U.S. joint services, and coalition defense forces. As a result, successive generations of NPS alumni have led their services with distinction by transforming knowledge into strategic and tactical advantage and applying faculty and student research to address operational requirements. This remarkable legacy can be measured by the views of military, national security and academic leaders. Following are just a few examples.

"The Naval Postgraduate School is a national – and international – treasure. With its rigorous curriculum, talented faculty and a diverse student body that includes students from all the U.S. armed forces, other federal agencies and more than 60 nations, NPS contributes greatly to enhanced joint, coalition and interagency effectiveness. Knowledge and imagination are the keys to dealing with the challenges of this new era, and here at NPS those keys are forged. The School rightly boasts an illustrious past, but I am convinced that its future burns even brighter."

Admiral Michael Mullen, Chief of Naval Operations (Operations Research, 1985)

"The battlefield of today and the battlefield of the future are going to continue to be uncertain, chaotic, plagued with fog and friction, and very dangerous. We need military leaders who can work and thrive in that particular environment. An NPS education, bolstered by student and faculty research, produces a graduate whose intellectual agility and flexibility will prove increasingly valuable to the naval services and the Joint force in dealing with such uncertainty."

General Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps (Electrical Engineering, 1969)

"To your own professional development, it doesn't matter whether you are Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, International or DOD civilian the message is the same and I guarantee that those who take full advantage of this opportunity at postgraduate school will look back on it one day as major turning point in their professional lives as it has been in mine."

Admiral James D. Watkins, former CNO and Secretary of Energy (Mechanical Engineering, 1958)

"As President of the University of California from 1995 to 2003 and having twice served on the Board of Advisors of NPS, I have monitored developments at NPS. NPS provides the Department with an effective, diverse and sustainable educational institution that supports current and future readiness, advances in technology, and the educational programs that facilitate getting our superior technology into the hands of the war fighter."

Dr. Richard C. Atkinson, President Emeritus, University of California

"The Naval Postgraduate School has an important impact on current and future foreign relations (and) makes many other contributions to our foreign policy ranging from providing education to leaders from Eastern Europe in the Partnership for Peace program to sending teams of faculty to emerging democracies (including Iraq) to help build democratic institutions."

George P. Schultz, Former Secretary of State, Thomas W. and Susan B. Ford Distinguished Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

"The National Science Foundation long has been a partner with NPS in developing forward-looking programs. The school rigorously pursues educational, research and service missions that are tightly focused on military and national security issues; and the institution has proven capacity to provide qualified graduates and expertise that make fundamental contributions to our nation's security needs."

Dr. Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Science Foundation

"NPS programs play a unique role in building "communities of practice" within the officer corps at an important stage of military careers. It pulls together very unique community officers, international students, and faculty engaged in the environment of a research university focused on national security. Through the combination of graduate education and research, NPS helps the U.S. armed forces track the rapid evolution of advanced educational needs, programs, and technology, providing an "over the horizon" perspective on the evolution of the global, knowledge-driven society that now characterizes our times."

Dr. James J. Duderstadt, President Emeritus and University Professor of Science and Engineering, University of Michigan

"My degree prepared me for a variety of jobs, from being a research associate at Sandia National Laboratories to the National Security Council. In every single position, I used the technical knowledge and professional experience gained here (at NPS.) My successes simply would not have been possible without the underpinnings from NPS."

General John Gordon, U.S. Air Force, former Homeland Security Advisor (Physics, 1970)